

Ac. 4424(3)

1) MR. SIMS-ROBERTS
2) LIBRARY

WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1959.

July 1960.

To the Chairman & Councillors of the
Winslow Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health and vital statistics of the Winslow Rural District for the year 1959 together with the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

The total number of notifications of infectious disease received was 229, an increase of 95 on last year. However, I am pleased to report that none of the serious infections such as enteritis, diphtheria, and poliomyelitis was reported as having occurred in the district.

It is gratifying to report that the sewerage scheme for Granborough was completed during the year. I trust that in the near future such connections will have been completed in the centre of the village thereby abolishing the insanitary nuisance in a small block of property.

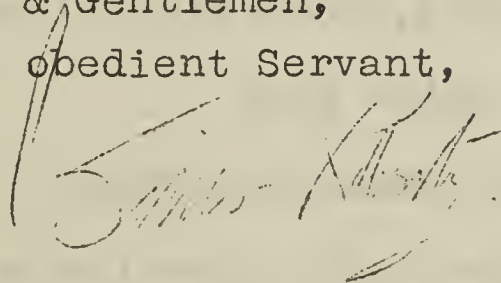
The Council has continued its progressive policy of encouraging Improvement Grants both "Discretionary" and "Standard" thereby improving housing amenities generally.

I thank all members of the Council and Staff for their loyal assistance throughout the year.

I am,

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1959

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. J.T.C. Sims-Roberts, M.B.Ch.B.
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Barrister at Law.

Medical Officer under Poor Law Acts

Dr. P.F. Rudd, M.B.Ch.B. L.R.C.P.

Public Health Inspector & Surveyor

Mr. N.J. Shipp, M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector.

Mr. D.A. Keen, C.R.S.I.

Public Health Clerk

Mrs. F.V. Anderson.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1959

					<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Live Births:	Legitimate	Males	..	..	59	53
		Females	..	..	58	44
		Total	..	..	117	97
	Illegitimate	Males	..	..	4	1
		Females	..	..	2	1
		Total	..	..	6	2
Still Births:	Legitimate	Males	..	..	-	1
		Females	..	..	-	2
		Total	..	..	-	3
	Illegitimate	Males	..	..	-	-
		Females	..	..	-	-
		Total	..	..	-	-
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population				..	15.73	12.66
Birth Rate (corrected)				..	17.77	14.3
Total (live and still) Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population				..	15.73	13.04
Birth Rate for England & Wales				..	16.4	16.5
Deaths:		Males	..	..	42	40
		Females	..	..	64	71
		Total	..	..	106	111
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population				..	13.55	14.19
Standardised Death Rate				..	9.21	8.94
Death Rate for England & Wales				..	11.7	11.6
All infants per 1,000 live births				..	24.39	10.1
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births				..	25.64.	10.31
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births				..	-	-
Deaths of infants under one year of age:						
	Legitimate	Males	..	..	-	1
		Females	..	..	3	-
		Total	..	..	3	1
	Illegitimate	Males	..	..	-	-
		Females	..	..	-	-
		Total	..	..	-	-

				<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:					
Legitimate	Males	..	..	-	1
	Females	..	..	3	-
	Total	..	..	3	1
Illegitimate	Males	..	..	-	-
	Females	..	..	-	-
	Total	..	..	-	-
Area (in acres)				36, 436.	
Population				7,820	
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1959. (according to Rate Book)					2595
Rateable Value (31st December 1959)					£66,161
Sum represented by Penny Rate (31st March 1959)					£233.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS

Infective and parasitic diseases	..	..	..	..	-
Malignant neoplasm	..	..	..	..	2
Malignant neoplasm bronchus	..	..	..	..	3
Malignant neoplasm breast	..	..	..	..	2
Other malignant neoplasms	..	..	..	..	8
Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	..	23
Coronary disease, angina	..	..	..	..	13
Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	..	1
Other heart disease	..	..	..	..	29
Other circulatory disease	..	..	..	..	1
Influenza	..	..	..	..	1
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	10
Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	6
Other diseases of respiratory system	..	..	..	..	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	..	..	..	..	1
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	..	..	..	..	1
Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	..	..	..	..	6
Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	1
All other accidents	..	..	..	..	<u>2</u>
					<u>111</u>

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES

During the year 229 cases were notified	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	
Measles	127	201
Pneumonia	4	2
Whooping Cough	-	14
Scarlet Fever	3	9

Three cases of tuberculosis were notified.
2 Respiratory 1 pulmonary.

Food Poisoning No cases notified during the year.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals

Hospital accommodation for the district is provided by the Royal Bucks and Tindal General Hospitals Aylesbury. Infectious disease cases are admitted to the Aylesbury Isolation Hospital or one of the Isolation Hospitals in the Oxford Group.

These three Hospitals are administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospitals Management Committee.

Cases are admitted to Stoke Mandeville or the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, if bed space is unavailable.

Similarly, infectious disease cases are admitted to the Infectious Disease Hospitals within the Oxford Region when there is no accommodation locally.

Pathological Specimens

The majority of specimens for examination are submitted to the Pathology Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The services of the Public Health Laboratories at Luton and Oxford are utilised whenever necessary.

Ambulance Services

The ambulance services in the area are the responsibility of The Bucks County Council. Eight ambulances are stationed in the Borough of Aylesbury for the use of the town and surrounding districts. Included in this number are four sitting case ambulances.

Maternity and Child Welfare

This service is controlled by the Bucks County Council.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at Great Horwood, Stewkley and Winslow, and a Mobile Centre visits Mursley, Newton Longville, Shenley and Swanbourne

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation

The Bucks County Council being the Local Health Authority as defined by the National Health Service Act 1946 administer this service.

Treatment of Venereal Disease

A Venereal Disease Clinic is held regularly at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, where free treatment is given. This clinic is administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

National Assistance Act, 1948 Section 47

Removal of persons in need of Care and Attention

During the year it was not found necessary to remove anyone to hospital under the above act.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1959. In so far as the public health services are concerned the main item of interest was the completion of the Granborough sewerage scheme. Most of the owners have now connected their properties to the sewer and in some cases they have made full use of available improvement grants.

I am happy to report that all other public health services functioned smoothly and satisfactorily during the year.

Once again I would express my thanks for the co-operation given me by the Chairman and Members of the Council who have been only too willing to spare their valuable time whenever the need has arisen.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


Surveyor & Public Health Inspector.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year the Granborough sewerage scheme was completed. This brought the Winslow Sewage Disposal Works into full use for which it was designed. It did however create a sludge disposal problem at the works and this was rectified by the construction of emergency drying lagoons. These have been used during the winter months thus enabling the proper drying beds to be rested.

The majority of properties have been or are in the process of being connected to the new sewer and several owners have taken advantage of Improvement Grants.

The only other item of interest during the year was the relaying of a length of very troublesome 6" sewer at Whaddon. For a number of years this had been constantly blocking and in the absence of any manholes it had necessitated much waste of labour in opening up on each occasion. This sewer was relaid and two new manholes constructed.

The Council's works generally are in very good order, but at North Marston they are at times unable to function as well as they should due to the generally unsatisfactory land drainage position in the neighbourhood of the works. I do not see that anything can be done until the brook and all the ditches and streams over a wide area are satisfactorily drained.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

At the beginning of the year the new Bedford Compressmore vehicle was brought into use. The fortnightly collection schedules were fully maintained and no regular overtime was worked. This service is one which expands month by month. With the addition of just a few dwellings each month the time taken to collect and tip is continually lengthening.

A most satisfactory solution to our future tipping needs was

found in purchasing the pit which is situated just beyond the Council's existing tip at Lt. Horwood. This should enable the existing tip to be raised to a higher level and should provide tipping capacity for many years to come.

Streets Cleansing - Winslow

The only highways cleansed by the Council are as follows and these together with the Market Square are done at the latter end of each week:-

- (a) High Street
- (b) Station Road
- (c) Buckingham Road
- (d) Sheep Street
- (e) Horn Street.

Salvage

The value of salvage during the year amounted to £ 114 - 17 - 11

<u>Paper</u>	<u>Metals</u>
£69-7-11	£7-19-0 (Rates)
	£37-11-0 (Housing)

HOUSING

Improvement Grants (Discretionary and Standard)

During the year the Council agreed to make discretionary grants totalling £2381 and standard grants totalling £1220.

	<u>Discretionary</u>	<u>Standard</u>
(a) Number of applications received	11	18
(b) Number of applications approved	7	17
(c) Number of applications refused	4	-
(d) Number of applications withdrawn.....	-	1

All properties which were the subject of discretionary grant applications were inspected by a Sub-Committee and each case was thoroughly investigated.

Council Houses

The number of houses owned by the Council at the end of the year was as follows:-

<u>Pre-War</u>	<u>Post-War</u>	<u>Total</u>
234	339	573

The maintenance of these houses continues to be one of the major functions of my department taking up the biggest proportion of time. The defects and other jobs reported and dealt with during the year number well over a thousand and these vary in size from a job taking a matter of minutes to one taking several days. At the

present time defects etc. are being reported at an average rate of about four per day.

Unfit Houses

- (a) Number of houses demolished during the year 2.
(b) Number of houses closed during the yearNIL.

RODENT CONTROL

General Inspections and Treatments

During the year the following inspections and treatments were carried out:-

	<u>Inspected</u>	<u>Treated</u>
Local Authority Properties	53	27.
Dwellinghouses	835	172.
Agricultural Properties	116	15.
Business Premises	33	7.

Sewer Treatments

During the year the sewers in the district were treated as follows:-

- (a) 10% Testing carried out in July.
(b) First Maintenance Treatment carried out in July.
(c) Second Maintenance Treatment carried out in December.

Generally speaking the sewers in parts of the district are only very slightly infested.

FOOD

Meat Inspection

There are three licences slaughterhouses in the district all of which carry out regular slaughtering.

During the year 268 visits were made and the number of animals inspected and amount of meat condemned is shown in the table set out below:-

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	208	7	29	950	500	-
Number inspected	188	7	29	913	480	-
All Diseases except T.B. & Cysticercus Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	5	-	-

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Horses
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	34	2	-	19	5	-
Percentage of number inspected with disease	18.1%	28.6%	3.4%	2.6%	1%	-
<u>Tuberculosis ONLY</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.6%	-	-	-	0.4%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	-	-	NIL	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	NIL	NIL	-	-	NIL	-
Generalised and totally condemned	NIL	NIL	-	-	NIL	-

Total meat and offal unfit for human consumption 869 - lbs.

Milk

The sampling of milk in the district is undertaken by the Food and Drugs Authority.

The following milk licences were issued during the year:-

Dealer's Licence - Tuberculin Tested	9.
Dealer's Licence - Pasteurised	9.
Supplementary Licence - Tuberculin Tested	5.
Supplementary Licence - Pasteurised	5.

There are twelve Distributors of milk registered in the area and seven dairies.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector.)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		Occupiers prosecuted (5)
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	
i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	7	NIL	NIL
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	14	8	NIL	NIL
iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)....	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total...	21	15	NIL	NIL

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector. (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1).	NIL	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	NIL	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	NIL	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	NIL	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	NIL	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	NIL	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	NIL	-	-	-	-
Total	NIL	-	-	-	-

10 25 200 400